

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

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PLETTENBERG (Clerk & Recorder)

Date.....June 20, 2007

Members Present.....Commissioner Alan Thompson,  
Commissioner Carlotta Grandstaff, Commissioner Jim Rokosch and Commissioner  
Kathleen Driscoll

Minutes: Glenda Wiles

Road Supervisor David Ohnstad met with the Board for a road update. Commissioner Grandstaff indicated she has had numerous citizens ask her about the Lost Horse Quarry mining project. David stated this has been an on-going issue and in 1987-1989 they utilized some of the materials for river stabilization. He also stated this is an existing quarry and the materials can be utilized for the road department's need. He has worked with an environmental engineer and the Forest Service in order to take public comment on the use of the quarry materials. He stated they are not mining the rock; rather they are simply utilizing the rocks that fall. Commissioner Grandstaff asked David if they have calculated the costs of trucking the materials rather than purchasing these materials from a local vendor. David stated they have calculated the costs and find it to be cost beneficial particularly as they use the materials on Lost Horse Road. He anticipates utilizing these materials as a long term source for the next 10 years. David stated they put together an operating plan and that is what is being utilized as the base for the public comment.

Commissioner Grandstaff asked about Corvallis Cemetery Road as she has received numerous phone calls about the pot holes and how the road 'is in the worst shape it has ever been in'. David stated they have not completed the 2007 resurfacing project and schedule. He noted this is an old road, there are some irrigation issues, and they want to look at this for improvements. He has no target dates for this repair as they are still itemizing the needs of the various roads. This is a potential road for repair and he does not know what they will do with it within the seven year plan. He stated they have routine operations for pot hole repair and citizens can call his office giving locations of those pot holes for needed repair.

Commissioner Grandstaff also asked about Doran Lane's narrowness and the truck traffic that is, according to the citizens, ruining the road. David stated it would be a poor precedent to stop any truck traffic on this road.

Commissioner Rokosch asked about concerns from a local citizen on Eight Mile Road. David stated the Road Foreman reviewed this road on Monday, seeing no hazard; but some minor repair issues that are needed. Commissioner Thompson noted this citizen; Mr. Alan Gelman uses bad language and threatens County Employees; so maybe Mr. Gelman should be prosecuted for this type of behavior. David stated there are many roads that are in worse condition than Eight Mile. However, they are aware this area will be subdivided due to its proximity to Missoula. He stated they encourage the citizens to create a Rural Special Improvement District (RSID). He stated this road is not hazardous, and if it was, they would have dealt with it. He agreed it certainly needs some attention which he will address at some point. Commissioner Rokosch asked where this road was in regard to the list of roads to be worked on. David stated it is higher on the list than other roads due to the subdivisions that are occurring in the area, but he was not sure when it will be repaired. There are two subdivisions in the pipe line that will require pro rata monies. They are also looking into 'recovery monies' for future subdivisions.

Planning Staff Renee Van Hoven was also present and noted they have at least two subdivisions that have 20 or less lots. Therefore a pro rata share will be the requirement. Any proposed subdivision containing 21 lots are required to actually do the reconstruction on the road.

David indicated recovery contracts and RSID's are a valuable tool for the citizens and the County in order to improve the road infrastructure.

Commissioner Grandstaff stated it is important for her to answer the questions the citizens ask of her. And while they might not like her answers, it is important for her to address their concerns one way or the other. She understands the whole county has issues.

Commissioner Driscoll asked about the new paving on Golf Course Road. She stated many citizens are asking her why they repaved the road when it did not need it. David stated Golf Course is one of the roads that were properly designed by the Federal Highway Administration under AASHTO standards some 40 years ago. This road was on the list to have an overlay. A large subdivision (Arrow Hills Ranch Subdivision) was approved and certain conditions were required which included this road. The Developer retained Attorneys to address these conditions of approval, a settlement was approved and the work was done by the Road Department. The Developer recently paid the Road Department \$165,000 for this road work.

Commissioner Driscoll asked about the road to be built for the seat base operation by the end of June 30<sup>th</sup> according to the FAA. David stated he is not aware of this deadline. He stated last year an agreement was made by 'someone' to put in a helicopter loading base.

The Road Department hired a consulting engineer to design this loading area. There was also a road to be included from the Airport Road to the north. The Road Department ended up with a \$40,000 bill for this work and this money should be invested in the road infrastructure, not the airport. He stated they have not been reimbursed for any of this work, which included the price of the materials. He stated it was only two weeks ago he learned the Airport Board is stating they are 'out of compliance' with the FAA and the Road Department somehow needs to become involved. Commissioner Driscoll indicated she has some back ground of the gravel pit materials that the road department utilized at the airport. David stated the money for the roads is dedicated for a specific purpose and if the Commissioners are going to divert money they need to have some accounting for it. He stated he understood the Road Department and Airport are under the direction of the Commissioners, but it is important not to have any 'good ol' boys' agreement.

Commissioner Rokosch stated he has received numerous calls in regard to Logan Lane. David stated Logan Lane was 're-done' over the winter. Middle Burnt Fork also needed some work which they did, and numerous vehicles utilized Logan Lane as a by-pass. They hope to do more improvements on Logan and Pine Hollow, but there are complications within the three legged intersection. They are looking to the Federal Government for some mitigation monies for the correction of the intersection.

David also gave an update on the following agenda items:

Kootenai Creek Bridge replacement; Roaring Lion Watershed Analysis (TCEP monies); Wildfowl Lane FHWA (Federal Highway) projects proposal; Dust abatement program; the 2007 Roadway Improvement Projects which include Stevensville Airport Road, Rye Creek Road for sediment reduction and Martin Lane for gravel road improvements; Asphalt supply and Equipment rental request for proposals; recruitment of equipment operator.

In other business, Commissioner Grandstaff attended a Board of Health meeting during the afternoon hours.